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11. (C) On June 5, MFA Director-General for Bilateral Affairs Youssef Amrani told the DCM he hoped that the upcoming U.S. delegation traveling to Morocco to discuss the formation of AFRICOM did not plan to request permission to base in Morocco. Morocco does not want to host AFRICOM, he said, adding "that decision has already been made." The DCM responded that Principal Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Ryan Henry and delegation did not plan to make such a request, and instead was planning to brief Morocco on the state of U.S. planning for command formation and seek Moroccan feedback. Amrani said the GOM would welcome the visit.

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